

2018-19 CAL GRANT PROGRAMS

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget.

Grant Criteria	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B	Cal Grant C
Students must:	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Be a California resident - Be a U.S. citizen, eligible noncitizen or AB540 - Attend an eligible California college or university - Be enrolled at least half time - Not be in default on any federal or state education loan or owe a grant refund </div> <div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet U.S. Selective Service requirements - Maintain satisfactory academic progress as defined by the school - Not have completed a prior baccalaureate degree </div> </div>		
Eligibility based on:	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 3.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and at least a 2.0 GPA	Financial need, income and asset ceilings, and Cal Grant C Supplement Form
Application forms:	Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and Verified GPA		FAFSA or CADAA and Cal Grant C Supplement Form
Minimum length of program:	Two academic years, leading to a degree	One academic year, leading to a degree or certificate	Four months, in a recognized career or technical program
Eligibility time limit:	Eligible until completion of baccalaureate degree or equivalent of four years of full-time study—whichever is less (exception: teaching credential or mandatory five-year programs)		Eligibility limited to the recognized length of the program or two years at full-time equivalent—whichever is less
Minimum need for new recipients:	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500	\$700	Maximum program award amount plus \$1,500
Type of assistance:	Tuition and fee assistance only	Access award (living allowance) only in the first academic year of attendance; tuition and fee plus access award thereafter	Tuition and fee assistance and training-related costs (including books and supplies)
New recipient annual award amounts:	CSU - \$5,742 UC - \$12,630 For-Profit (Non WASC) - \$4,000 For Profit (WASC) - \$9,084 Private Non-Profit - \$9,084	In the first year, only the access award of \$1,672; in subsequent years, the access award plus a tuition and fee award equal to Cal Grant A	Community College - \$1,094 Non-Community College - tuition, fees and training related costs up to \$2,462 and \$547 for books & supplies
Special award category:	California Community College (CCC) Reserve: eligible CCC students have their Cal Grant A awards held in "reserve" status for two years until they attend a four-year school	Up to 2 percent of new high school Entitlement Cal Grant recipients are eligible for both the access award and tuition and fees in the first year	None
Renewal process:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submit a FAFSA or CADAA - Meet the required income and asset ceilings and minimum need criteria - Maintain satisfactory academic progress standards established by the school of attendance - Have all terms satisfied with payments or qualifying status 		

California Dream Act (AB 130 and AB 131) allows undocumented and documented students who meet AB 540 eligibility requirements to:

- apply for and receive non-state funded scholarships for public colleges and universities
- apply for and receive state-funded financial aid such as Cal Grant, Chafee, community college fee waiver and institutional grants

For each program listed below, students must meet all of the general eligibility requirements, plus those applicable to their award:

HIGH SCHOOL ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
	Cal Grant A	Cal Grant B
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	March 2, 2018
Population served:	2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 3.0 high school GPA	2017-18 or 2018-19 high school graduates with at least a 2.0 high school GPA
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	
CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRANSFER ENTITLEMENT CAL GRANT REQUIREMENTS		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	March 2, 2018
Additional requirements:	Completion of the G-6 Transfer Entitlement Certification Form, if identified as potentially eligible	
Population served:	Students who graduated from a California high school or its equivalent during or after the 2000-01 academic year; were California residents when they graduated (unless that California resident graduated outside of California due to military orders); OR commencing with 2017-18, non-high school graduates or its equivalent that were a California resident at the age of 18; have at least a 2.4 California Community College GPA; must transfer in the same academic year as awarded; must transfer to and receive award payment at an eligible institution offering a baccalaureate degree; must be under the age of 28 by December 31 of award year	
Number of new awards:	All eligible students	
COMPETITIVE CAL GRANT A and B REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadlines:	First deadline: March 2, 2018 Second deadline: September 2, 2018 for California Community College students only	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families	
Selection criteria:	Special consideration given to disadvantaged students; factors include financial, GPA, parental education and marital status, family income and size, years since HS graduation, and other conditions that might hinder a student’s access to higher education.	
Number of new awards:	25,750 authorized awards: 50 percent for students meeting the March 2, 2018 deadline; 50 percent for California Community College students who meet the September 2, 2018 deadline	
CAL GRANT C AWARD REQUIREMENTS (limited number of awards)		
Application deadline:	March 2, 2018	
Population served:	Students from low and middle-income families who are seeking a vocational career or technical education	
Number of new awards:	7,761 authorized, unless adjusted in annual state Budget Bill	
Additional requirements:	Completion of the C Supplement Form if preliminarily identified as potentially eligible	

This document provides general guidelines for the Cal Grant program as administered by the California Student Aid Commission. For more information, visit www.csac.ca.gov or www.calgrants.org. For detailed descriptions, please refer to California Education Code.